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Amendments To The Claims:

Claims 1-32 (Cancelled).

33. (Currently amended) A method of forming a catheter balloon, comprising:

a) providing a balloon formed of a material having a proximal end, a distal end, an expandable section, a proximal shaft section between the proximal end and the expandable section, a distal shaft section between the expandable section and the distal end, and an outer surface;

b) placing the balloon on a mandrel having a longitudinal axis and rotating the mandrel around the mandrel longitudinal axis to rotate the balloon thereon; and

c) positioning a material removal device in contact with an outer surface of at least a section of the rotating balloon to thereby remove balloon material from a portion of at least one of the proximal shaft section and the distal shaft section to form a shaft section having a first portion with a substantially uniform first diameter and a second portion with a substantially uniform second diameter, different than the first diameter.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 further comprising:

causing relative longitudinal displacement between the balloon and the material removal device to remove balloon material from a length of the proximal shaft section.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 further comprising:

causing relative longitudinal displacement between the balloon and the material removal device to remove balloon material from a length of the distal shaft section.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the material removal device is a rotating disk having an abrasive surface with a first grain value and a step comprises abrasively removing the material.

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the material removal device comprises at least one rotating grinding wheel and a step comprises grinding the at least one section of the rotating balloon tube to remove the material.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33 wherein the material removal device is a chemical solvent and (c) comprises causing a chemical reaction in an outer surface of the balloon material to remove the balloon material.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 further comprising after (c) cleaning the

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balloon of all material deposits resulting from the material removal.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the shaft section comprises a tapered transition between the first diameter portion and the second diameter portion of the shaft section.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40 including forming two or more tapered transitions.

42-48. (Cancelled)

49. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising rotating the mandrel around the mandrel longitudinal axis to rotate the balloon thereon.